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## MIT Women's Leadership Fund

The Women's Leadership Fund is a new fund designed to enhance leadership development and quality of life for women students at MIT, providing resources, encouragement, and access to new opportunities.

### Purpose of the fund:

Positively impact the quality of student life for women on campus by:

- Supporting opportunities for women to develop leadership and communication skills.
- Empowering, celebrating, and inspiring the women of MIT to work together to focus on common issues and build a strong community.
- Fostering networks to connect women with role models, mentoring, career development, and personal growth.

### Funding support priorities:

- Conference scholarships allowing women to experience leadership opportunities at national events.
- Campus leadership forums and events such as Women's Professional Day and the Undergraduate Female Leadership Conference, covering expenses to allow all students to participate.
- Programs and events for women's student organizations, supporting their goals and their service to their community and to the world at large.

(See other side for more information)

### Find out what you can do today!

There is no shortage of innovative ideas at MIT. There is, however, a shortage of funds to support these ideas and our women students. This fund provides a resource base for all women on campus, giving them the means and fertile ground to foster new ideas, events and support networks for students and alumnae. For more information, please contact Jennifer Palan, Associate Director, Annual Fund Leadership Programs at [jpalan@mit.edu](mailto:jpalan@mit.edu) or (617) 253-6662.



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Below is just a sample listing of the variety of Women's Leadership programs that currently exist on campus which could benefit from support.

## Conferences and Events

**Undergraduate Female Leadership Conference** is an annual conference bringing together 100 undergraduate women to discuss leadership opportunities and create action plans to influence change on campus through building connections with each other as well as with faculty and staff.

**Women's Week** is an intensive week designed to help the MIT community develop an updated notion of what feminism embodies, addressing and building awareness of issues faced by MIT women, empowering them to band together to focus on these issues. A variety of presentations and classes are offered, from practical skills such as tax preparation, to self defense, and health issues.

**Women's Professional Day** is an event organized by the Panhellenic Association that connects MIT students with alumnae who offer valuable advice for their career and life options after MIT. Alumnae, including members of the Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA), share insight from their professional lives with undergraduate women, making connections and educating each other on today's necessary career skills.

**Women's Athletics** have a strong presence on campus. There are 17 varsity and 6 club sports for women. Operational support and travel to regional and national competitions, which are a rewarding and empowering experience, can be supported by this fund.

This fund is one of many initiatives for women that you can support at MIT. To view others, go to:  
[web.mit.edu/life/category/women.html](http://web.mit.edu/life/category/women.html)

## MIT Student Organizations

**Panhellenic Association** provides sorority members with opportunities to develop leadership skills within their chapters and encourages participation in activities on campus and within their community. As the largest women's organization at MIT, Panhellenic women are active, visible students on campus, and are organizers of community service and philanthropic events.

**Black Women's Alliance** promotes the awareness of Black women's issues in the MIT community through activities designed to increase the visibility of Black women on campus, to encourage scholarship, and to promote activism, unity, and community.

**Mujeres Latinas** is dedicated to celebrating Latina roots and culture. Events are open to anyone interested in exploring womanhood and Latina women's issues.

**Society of Women Engineers (SWE)** educates members about career choices in engineering, promotes community between professionals, alumni, and students, and inspires younger generations. SWE encourages the notion of diversity in engineering, and advocates for the needs of women engineers at MIT.

**Stop our Silence**, whose mission is to end violence against women, organizes classes and events on awareness and prevention, and provides support for the entire MIT community.

**Graduate Women's Group of Course 6** promotes developing mentorships and friendships, and provides support and encouragement to Course 6 women in completing their degree.